

Reproductive Health Working Group
General Guidelines for Applying for Funding for Research on New Research Themes
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This document contains two parts: 1) general criteria for applications; and 2) the process for applying for research funds to support research on new themes.

The main criteria for selecting recipients of grants on new research themes are as follows:

- 1) This mechanism is designed to enhance collaborative, cross-country research within the Arab countries and Turkey;
- 2) Ideally the team would combine experienced as well as less experienced researchers;
- 3) The main applicant must have attended at least one RHWG meeting (and preferably more);
- 4) The theme of research should be relevant to the themes of the RHWG and the proposal should draw out relevance both to reproductive health and the region;
- 5) Recipients of any grants will be asked to report in a timely manner both financially and narratively on the funding they receive;
- 6) Projects of a maximum of \$10,000 are preferred (including any overhead expenses if needed).

Final decisions will be taken by the regional Consultative Committee and the Coordinator. Applications will be judged on the relevance to the RHWG as well as the quality of the content and of the research design (including the appropriateness of the proposed methodology for the research question).

The process for applying for seed grants is as follows:

- 1) The application should consist of a concept note of up to two pages that includes a description of the research theme/research question and its importance for the Arab countries and Turkey, as well as the main research activities and timeline;
- 2) A full budget with all estimated costs should be included (and an indication as to the institution which would receive the funds);
- 3) Please list all investigators and include an updated curriculum vitae of each;
- 4) The application materials can be received at any time during the year. These should be submitted to Jocelyn DeJong (dejongjocelyn@yahoo.com) or Ms. Noha Gaballah (ngaballah@rhwg.org).